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SIR:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph at page 23, lines 10-14, with the following amended paragraph:

-- Exclusion criteria for all studies were: 1) active vascular disease, including angina, claudication, transient ischemic events, ischemic colitis and Raynaud's disease, 2) a history of prolonged QT syndrome, 3) a history of orthostatic hypotension and 4) a systolic blood pressure greater than 200 mm Hg and/or a diastolic blood pressure greater than 100 mm Hg. Fluid was administered for pressor support at the discretion of the dialysis staff, blinded to the study drug, on the basis of hypotensive episodes during dialysis. Excess fluid removed was defined as the difference between the baseline prescription weight loss and the actual weight loss achieved during the study hemodialysis.--

In the drawings:

Applicants submit a replacement sheet for Figure 10. Applicants submit a copy of originally-filed Figure 10, annotated with markings to indicate the changes in the figure (attached herein as Exhibit A). Applicants also provide a replacement sheet of Figure 10 which now indicates the correction (attached herein as Exhibit B).